

# Sheol

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# What is Sheol?

- Definition: Hebrew word for Abode of the Dead
- Inescapable, lowest point imaginable
- Gates of Sheol
  - Other near eastern underworlds
- Place of darkness, dust, silence
  - Refers to the grave?
- Can refer to personification of death

# Who is in Sheol?

- Denizens called Rephaim
- Place for all dead or only wicked dead?
  - Place for those with “evil death?”
- Contains all dead in some mentions, only wicked dead others

# Sheol and Matthew

- “Sheol” translated as “Hades” in LXX
  - Same in Matthew
- Similarities between Sheol and Hades
  - Dark
  - Lowest Point
  - Gates
  - Personified
  - Who is there?
- Gehenna
  - shows clear separation between wicked and rest of dead

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